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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA
Things are expected to be the new administration to concentrate its attention:
A drainage system to accommodate the largest ships.
Development of the rapid transit system.

SUFFRAGE IN THE WARDS
A NEW and vividly human side of the general suffrage question is brought to the surface by the work and experience of those who are now out making lists of the new voters.

BEFOULING A SHRINE
GRAFT within the shrine which of all shrines carries the most basic spiritual message of America quite surpasses the ordinary road of offenses inspired by sordid greed.

"OPEN" THE WISSAHICKON
MAYOR MOORE'S proposal to "log on, log on" the footpath way," along the upper Wissahickon with a party of Boy Scouts is an engaging conceit.

ARE WE SNOBS?
AMERICANS who stay at home are permitted to observe that princes and kings and other royalties who visit these shores are consistently democratic in habits and temperament.

A HEALTH FUNDAMENTAL
TO BE at all worth while, the state law providing for the physical examination of school children must be administered systematically.

the fact that the present medical inspection is so small and that the examinations recurring at intervals of from two to three years are almost futile. In the intervening time it is all too possible for a perfectly curable weakness to develop beyond the stages of effective treatment.

The director's call upon the Board of Education to make provision for five supervising medical inspectors, fourteen inspectors and seventeen nurses before September 8 should be promptly heeded.

LET EVERY CITY BE MASTER IN ITS OWN HOUSE
Mayor Moore's endorsement of the Home Rule Plan of the League of Third-Class Cities Brings Us Nearer the Goal

A STEP toward municipal home rule was taken when the annual convention of the League of Third-Class Cities, in session in Buffalo, N. Y., last week, directed its legislative committee to urge the General Assembly to pass the necessary laws.

Mayor Moore, who stopped in York on his vacation tour, congratulated the league on its action and impressed upon it the importance of co-operation among the cities of all the different classes to the end that they may acquire fuller control of their local affairs.

Pennsylvania has a long way to go before it arrives at the advanced position taken by Ohio and Michigan and some other states. In Michigan the people have so amended their constitution as to permit all cities to draft their own charters.

Not a session of the General Assembly comes to an end without the passage of a lot of petty bills affecting this city, bills which ought never to occupy the time of the legislators of the rest of the state.

VICTORY AND A LESSON
THE brilliant victory with which the Poles are now flushed has gained under auspices hearteningly different from those under which the new republic's invasion of Russia was pursued some months ago.

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Why Tarry in the City?
EVER since Horace's famous colloquy between the city mouse and his country cousin, this question has been in debate and yet it remains a hardly perennial, interesting to the original, because nobody ever convinced anybody else about it.

A WAIL OF DIVIDENDS?
HAVE the widows and orphans who hold stock in the Delaware ferry ferry companies—only the forlorn few shares, it seems, in the richest corporations—anything to do with the organized propaganda instituted in New Jersey against the proposed Philadelphia-Camden bridge?

HOWSOEVER, there are two sides to every question, and John, being like fair-minded and versatile, sends us likewise the following that we may decide as we may and on our own, not his, responsibility.

WHO shall agree when poets disagree?
This phrase, by the by, makes not a bad verse itself. We could call it by a hard technical name, but we won't. It appears, then, that there are times in which to live in the country and there are times in which to abide in town.

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